GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4241
ANSWERED ON:07.08.2014
TRANSPORTATION OF COAL
Trivedi Shri Dinesh

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of coal transported by the railways during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(b) whether the railway lines are sufficient as per prevailing requirements/demands for transportation of coal in the country;

(c) if not, whether these railway lines are operating beyond their capacity to meet the requirements/demands for transportation of coal and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Railways propose to increase rail connectivity to improve transportation of coal in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4241 BY SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.08.2014 REGARDING TRANSPORTATION OF COAL.

(a) The quantum of coal loading of Revenue Earning Freight Traffic by the Railways during last three years and the current year is as under:

Year	Coal Loading (Million Tonnes)	Total Loading (Million Tonnes)
2011-12	455.81	969.05
2012-13	496.42	1008.09
2013-14#(Provisional)	508.10	1050.18
2014-15# (April to June)	128.78	266.91

#- On Originating Basis.

(b)&(c) Rail network over Indian Railways is shared by both passenger and freight traffic, including transportation of coal and there is no dedicated network for transportation of coal alone. Some sections are saturated but operating innovations are being put in place.

(d) Yes, Madam. The names and details of the proposed rail connectivity to improve transportation of coal in the country is given as below:

Sl.No	Name of the Project	Length	State	Concerned Railway
1.	(a) Tori-Shivpur- Coal Area/ Coalfield East (b) Shivpur- Kathautia Railway Line	(44 km) (53 km)	Jharkhand.	North Karanpura / Central Coalfields Railway
2.	Jharsuguda-Barpalli -Sardega Railway Line	(53 km)	Odisha	Ib Valley/ Mahanad i Coalfields Ltd. (MCL) South East Central Railway
3.	Bhupdevpur-Korichapar -Dharamjaigarh Railway Line	(180 km)	Chhattisgarh.	Raigarh-Mand / South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. South East Central Railway.

(e) To provide rail connectivity to business centre including coal mines is an ongoing process and it is Railway's endeavor to connect the coal mines with railway network. The Railways are also building the dedicated freight corridors for this purpose.